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Mr. Ward Lenz Chief, Regulatory Branch Rock Island District Corps of Engineers Clock Tower Building – PO BOX 2004 Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Subject: Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Regional Permit 33

Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material Associated with Certain Conservation Practices Sponsored by NRCS/HUD in Waters of the United States in the State of

Iowa

Dear Mr. Lenz,

This Section 401 Water Quality Certification is submitted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) under the authority of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The IDNR has examined the information furnished by the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers in the December 9, 2014 Joint Public Notice and the final Regional Permit 33 issued on March 17, 2015. The IDNR certifies RP 33 (CEMVR-OD-P-2014-0871) because there is reasonable expectation that the activities identified within it will be conducted in a manner that will not violate Iowa's water quality standards.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Section 401 Water Quality Certification, please contact me at the address shown below or call (515) 281-6615.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Schwake Environmental Specialist